

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 1, 2010**

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Gail Pollock (District #3)
Nita Kamphuis (District #4)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent: Char Parsley (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel

Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Guests: Lorana Myers, Federation representative

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Don Coates, Roslyn Ward

The meeting was called to order by Pat Clothier, Board Chair, at 5:07 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Agenda – February 1, 2010

Larry Swift moved to hold an Executive Session after the Superintendent's report. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Minutes from January 11, 2010, meeting

Larry Swift moved that the January 11, 2010, minutes are approved as written. Nita Kamphuis seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Reports

- **Rick Hauan, Director**
 - Attended the Special Education Directors meeting at the ESD 114 in Yakima. Very productive meeting.
 - A CDHL office has been set up at the ESD 101 in Spokane. This office is being provided at no cost. Thanks to ESD 101 for their support.

- The HOPE School in Spokane has requested a letter of support as they are seeking a grant from the Oberkottter Foundation. The Director has been working with HOPE School to set up a partnership with CDHL, similar to the partnership with Listen & Talk.
- Suggested changes to the letter:
 - Page 2:
 - First sentence: add “delivering aural/oral services...”
 - Second sentence: add “support all modes of communication.....”
 - Need footer indicating that CDHL supports all modes of communication and WSD has chosen ASL (American Sign Language) as their mode of communication.
- Discussion tabled for later in the meeting if time allows.

BRF (Behavioral Referral Forms) Data (Nancy Sinkovitz, Director of Residential Services and Bill Newell, Principal)

WSD teachers began the 2009/2010 school year discussing “WSD Behavior Support System”. The primary focus is to provide a positive school climate and to create a supportive environment for students and staff. Lunch detention has been added this school year and has proved very effective.

Highlights for school year 2009/2010 (September – December 2009)

- 65% of WSD students have never had a lunch detention
- 67% of WSD students have not received a BRF
- 84% of WSD students have received no more than one BRF in the first four months of school
- No BRFs have been issued during the 10 p.m. – 5:30 a.m. time period
- The number of BRFs written has consistently decreased over the last several years.

The Board was very impressed with the information shared and asked the Director of Residential Services and Principal to pass on their thanks to staff for their outstanding work in this area.

Assessment & Curriculum (Shauna Bilyeu, Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator/Piper Gallucci, Social Studies Teacher)

- Social Studies Curriculum Adoption Proposal
 - The trend is moving away from using textbooks to digitally based curriculum.
 - The Cicero History Curriculum is a K-12 online American History curriculum which is linked to OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction).
 - Cicero includes lesson plans, videos, video re-enactments, rubrics & assessments as well as interactive maps and games.

- Three year subscription (4th year is free) is approximately \$10,000. This fee includes professional development opportunities for teachers. There is also a \$1,600/year site license fee.
- A Cicero representative will be contacted to see whether students can access information in the cottages and at home.
- Also needed are the following supplemental materials:
 - 29 globes
 - 3 map sets
 - Cost: \$2,375

Larry Swift moved to approve the purchase of the Cicero History curriculum and supplement materials. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

- The Board asked that the teachers and students using the new curriculum report back in one year to see how the new curriculum is working.
- Jane asked for clarification about the need for Board approval for supplemental materials. Chair Pat Clothier said approval is needed for curriculum only, not for materials.
- MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Assessment
 - Every year WSD submits a report to the Governor's Office that outlines what our student achievement goals are and if we have met them.
 - Eighty-three students in grades 2-11 participated in MAP last spring and 83 this fall. Testing in April 2010 will complete WSD's first full year with MAP and will provide data points for comparison.
 - Student MAP results were consistent with or were slightly higher than STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting).
 - The Performance Measures were revised for the 2009/2011 biennium to reflect the percentage of students making academic growth in reading, writing and language use.
 - Thanks to Shauna for a very informative presentation. The Board would like see additional information after the next testing period.

Additional meeting time

The Board recessed until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. to address the remaining agenda items.

The meeting reconvened on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 9:39 a.m.

Reports continued

- Letter of recommendation for HOPE School – continued discussion
 - Important to note the services CDHL is providing deaf and hard of hearing youth using ASL such as:
 - SRVOP (Shared Reading Video Outreach Program)
 - Distance learning via the K-20 video conferencing system

- The recommended changes will be made and a copy of the revised letter will be sent to Board members as an informational item.
- The Board would also like to see a footer added to the CDHL letterhead showing that CDHL supports ASL on its Vancouver campus and all modes of communication throughout the state. It is important to note that it is CDHL's legal responsibility to supply services in all range of modalities.
- The idea of setting up two advisory groups of Deaf Community members was discussed. These groups would represent the east and west sides of the state.
 - Meet quarterly with CDHL representatives.
 - Set up a group for parents in both regions as well
 - The Director and Superintendent will prepare a preliminary proposal and share it at the March 1st meeting.
- The idea of inviting a WSAD Board member to attend CDHL Board meetings was discussed.
- SB 6491 (moving WSD and WSSB under the leadership of OSPI)
 - A hearing in the Senate Committee for Early Learning & K-12 Education was recently held. A large crowd from both the Deaf and Blind communities attended.
 - Rep. Jim Moeller held public forum on January 23rd in Olympia to discuss SB 6491. This event was also well attended by both the Deaf and Blind communities.
 - Timeline of the bill will be shared with staff
- Meeting with Deputy Chief of Staff, Joyce Turner
 - Both the Director of CDHL and the Superintendent of WSSB had a joint meeting with Ms. Turner. She was very pleased with the level of collaboration between the two schools.
- Meeting with Superintendent Randy Dorn, OSPI
 - Topics discussed:
 - CDHL's current partnering with OSPI
 - Lack of available demographic information
- Informational items
 - Proposed calendar options for the 2010/2011 school year. Options will be sent to staff to vote on before a final calendar is selected.
 - 2nd quarter Performance Goals
 - "What's Changing in Deaf Ed in WA?" an article written by Rick Hauan, which appeared in the Winter 2010 issue of *Hands & Voices Communicator*.
- **Jane Mulholland, Superintendent**
 - WSBC/WSBCC (Western States Basketball Classic/Western States Cheerleading Classic) was a great success. This year's tournament was held at the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Tucson.
 - Highlights include:
 - Terrier boy's: 6th place

- Lady Terriers: 4th place
- Cheerleaders: 2nd place
- Jump off competition – 1st place won by a WSD Senior
- Sportsmanship – 1st place!
- Congratulations to all!
- The City of Vancouver's new Mayor visits WSD.
 - Newly elected Mayor Tim Leavitt met with the Superintendent and Dan Crady, who works in WSD's Post High School Program (PHSP).
 - Mayor Leavitt extended an invitation to staff to present information about the PHSP to a future City Council meeting.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. for 55 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) "To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee....". No action will be taken during this time.

The meeting reopened at 11:30 a.m. and closed for an additional 10 minutes. The meeting reopened at 11:40 a.m.

Plan for March 1, 2010, meeting

The March Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 1st at the ESD 113 in Olympia (5 – 8:30 p.m.).

Suggestion: Join students for lunch when the Board meets on the WSD campus.


Finance Committee may meet in May depending on the legislature.

Adjournment

Gail Pollock moved the meeting be adjourned. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.


 Pat Clothier, Chair
 CDHL Board of Trustees

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 Rick Hauan, Director
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